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JACK ANDERSON: The Army routinely sweeps its embarrassments under the secrecy label. But when it comes to real secrets, the military brass are often careless.

This past week the Army Association held its annual meeting here in Washington. Its most highly classified weaponry was exhibited for prospective buyers. The Association barred my TV camera, yet the display hall was crawling with spies. My reporter Greg Reshford also wandered freely among the exhibits. He was able to take these still photos.

Army spokesmen denied that any classified information was available. But my reporter spotted a Yugoslav military attache examining a digital communications nerve center which operates the Army's super-secret Norden battery computer. The attache was asking pointed questions, and a salesman was answering them.

The salesman told my reporter afterward, "We try not to answer too many classified questions when we know they come from unfriendly foreign governments."

Other Communist Bloc spies were taking notes on such weapons as the terminal guidance warhead for the multiple-launched rocket system, the laser range finder for battle-field anti-tank firing, a technical data sheet for Rockwell's ANTSC-60 communications control. That's a mobile high-frequency communications system designed for rapid battle deployment.

Well, I could go on, but you should get the idea.

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